TRONTON. - - MISSOURL

Four hundred and fifty thousand

made by the mint presses of Philadei-ALFRED ELY BEACH, editor of the Scientific American, died at his home in New York city, on the 1st, of pneu-

THE Dominion government has already decided upon a line of action regarding the strengthening of Canadian defenses and the better arming of the militia force.

THE political situation in Johannesburg is said to be acute on account of the struggle of foreigners in the Transvaal to obtain equal political rights with the Boers.

THE coinage executed at the mints of the United States during December, 1895, was as follows: Gold, \$8,097,145; silver, \$75,502; minor coins, \$107,386. Total, \$8,280,573.

JOHN B. BLAIR, born in 1800, and who was at one time a famous and wealthy painter, died at the Chicago Home for Incurables on the 2d. His portrait of President Taylor hangs in the White House gallery.

In the house, on the 3d, Mr. Boatn & (dem., La.) offered a resolution looking to the impeachment of Comptroller of the Treasury Bowler for refusing to execute the laws of congress in paying the sugar bounties.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND will, it is believed, experience no difficulty in marketing the proposed new issue of bonds. Information gathered in New York, on the 31st, was to the effect that applications aggregating \$275,000,000 of the bonds had been received from various

MISS CLARA BARTON, founder and head of the Red Cross society, who expects soon to sail for Armenia, will speak in a few cities before her departure. It is her desire to secure pledges for \$5,000,000 to insure all necessary support in her new mission of mercy.

P. Sheering, secretary of the Democratic national committee, had, up to the 2d, received and placed on file the applications of five cities which aspire to entertain the next Democratic national convention. They are: Chicago, New York, St. Louis, San Francisco and Cincinnati.

For two centuries the bells of Trinity church in New York city have rung a parting to each dying year, and given welcome to the new one. At midnight on the 31st the present chimes, for the forty-seventh time, announced the birth of a new year and pealed forth notes of welcome.

THE Montgomery County (Pa.) Historical society, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Valley Forge Memorial association have united in a protest against the removal of the remains of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock from Norristown, Pa., to the national cemetery at Arlington.

THE St. Petersburg correspondent of the Vienna Freie Presse telegraphs that Russia and France have actually promised diplomatic support to the United States in the Venezuelan trouble, and he adds that Russia is prepared to facilitate the United States oan with her own gold reserve.

A DISPATCH reached the British colonial office, on the 2d, that Dr. Jamieson had had a battle with the Boers were killed and wounded. No details | conduct experiments. were given. Later dispatches confirmed the news of the surrender.

THE annual report of the city health 200,000 population or more in the last year 61,944. world. The rate, based on the unrevised figures, is 15.11 for 1,000 of population, as compared with 15.24 last year, and less than for any previous forwarded 28,786 checks, aggrega-

ORDERS have been cabled by the navy department directing the gunboat Petrel, now in the Asiatic station, to return to San Francisco. The Petrel has been in active service for five years and is badly in need of new tubing for her boilers. The cruiser Boston will Petrel.

THE Australians have solved the electrically, according to a report to England, as a port of call instead of the state department from United Southampton. States Consul-General Maretta at Melcar axle and charges storage batteries, which furnish the light.

ble bazaar in the winter palace in St. Petersburg, on the 1st, in the presence | ment. of a large company of guests. Her | THE London Yachting World says majesty had a long and most cordial The American stall in the bazaar was much admired.

Many letters marked "Box G" are now passing through the mails and causing anxiety among young Mormons. The letters referred to are a mon church that the recipient had been selected to go on a mission of which the destination is just as liable to be the Fiji islands as the southern states or Great Britain.

THE announcement that the duchess of Marlbrough, nee Vanderbilt, was very ill of typhoid fever in Rome, first published by the New York World, was, on the 1st, authoritatively profounced a fake pure and simple. The duchess, in her usual health, was deband, a study of the antiquities and sights of the Eternal city.

boiler or a lot of fireworks stored in the building where the calamity october the building where the building where the calamity october the building where the building wh

THE Venezuelan minister to Washington promptly cabled his govern-ment, on the 2d, of the appointment of ment, on the 2d, of the appointment of the boundary commission ad the names of its members. The Ven. lan officials in Caracas had already as-sumed that the commission would be authorized by congress, and had lost no time in preparing that countries side of the controversy for the comission's consideration.

JANUARY-1896. Mon. Tue. Wed. Thur. Frt. 3 pennies a day is the record now being 10 16 17 18 12 13 14 15 23 24 25 20 21 22 7 19

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A Summary of Important Events.

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LIV. CONGRESS.

(First Session.) THE senate was not in session on the 28th. In the house the bill introduced by the com mittee on ways and means authorizing the issue of three per cent. coin bonds to maintain the gold reserve and directing the sale of certificates of indebtedness to meet temporary deficiency in revenue was passed without division. The joint resolution directing the secretary of the navy to accept the ram Katahdin and make it part of the navy was adopted. The

house adjourned until the 31st. In the senate, on the 30th, Mr. Lodge (rep. Mass.) delivered a speech on the Venezuelar question, in which, while disclaiming any belief that either England or the United States desired war, he maintained the vital necessity of upholding the principles of the Monroe doc trine on the entire continent and against all the world. The resolution providing for the reorganization of the senate was adopted: Yeas, 30; nays, 28. Senator Gorman (dem. Md.) voiced the soreness felt by senators of his party at losing control of the senate, and some plain talk was indulged in on both sides on the subject of giving to the free silver men

In the senate, on the 31st, in a speech in support of his resolution looking to an addition: rate of duty on raw wool, Mr. Mitchell (rep. Ore.) argued against the secretary of the treas ury refusing to exercise his vested right to redeem greenbacks and treasury notes in gold o silver coin at his convenience, and the discussion of the financial question became general. The wool resolution was finally referred to the committee on finance. The senate adjourned to the 3d......In the house, after listening to the reading of the journal, a motion to adjourn to the 3d was adopted. The session lasted just

In the senate, on the 3d, Mr. Sherman, in ar hour's speech in support of his resolution to set apart the reserve fund of \$100,000,000 gold. when in the treasury, and segregate it from the ordinary receipts, was the beginning of a five-hours' discussion of the financial question. No action was taken on the resolution Mr. Elkins' resolution directed against the sale of United States bonds under private contract and without advertisement, was dis cussed until adjournment, taken until the 7th .....In the house Speaker Reed announced that he had signed the bill to accept the ram Katahdin, and the house adjourned, as per previous arrangement, until the 6th.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A FORTUNE of \$200,000 is said to be awaiting Samuel Plomer, formerly a fruit and fish dealer of Brooklyn, who is now 70 years of age, and whose present whereabouts is unknown.

on the 31st. Two MEN were killed and seven in-Ohio Southwestern, near Coal City, O., 3d, sentenced to life imprisonment. on the night of the 30th. The accident was due to an operator's blunder in the 3d, in the Cranberry colliery of there were received 905 males and 21 organ and printing house at than in 1892. failing to hold one of the trains as or- Pardee & Co., at Hazleton, Pa., and

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, on the night of the Venezuelan Boundary commission, as follows: David J. Brewer, of Kansas, justice United States supreme court; Richard H. Alvey, of Maryland, chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia; Andrew D. White, of New York; Frederick R. Coudet, of New York, and Daniel C. Gil-

man, of Maryland. GEN. R. G. DYRENFURTH, the rainmaker, has a scheme to dispel the famous London fog. He has been in correspondence with leading officials of before Johannesberg, resulting in his that city, and it is said that a fund of surrender. A number of his followers \$50,000 will be raised with which to

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRA-TION McSweeney estimates that about 62,000 more immigrants arrived at Ellis island the last year than in 1894. Estidepartment shows that Chicago has mating 14,000 for December, the total the lowest death rate of any city of for 1895 is 229,607, and the increase over

> THE New York state legislature convened on the 1st. UNITED STATES TREASURER MORGAN ting \$6,749,733, in payment of interest due January 1, 1896, on United States four-per-cent. consols, 1907, and bonds issued in aid of the Pacific railroads. THE Cook county (Ill.) grand jury

has returned indictments against several bucketshop proprietors. OFFICIALS at the Charlestown (Mass.) proceed to Yokohama and relieve the navy yard have received orders from Washington to place the monitor Passaic in condition for immediate service. THE Hamburg-American Steamship problem of lighting railroad trains Co. has finally adopted Plymouth,

A DISPATCH from Berlin says addibourne. A dynamo placed in a bag- tional information concerning the gage car is driven by a belt from the plans in London regarding the proposed American loan, shows that the price of the loan made to the syndicate will be the same as that of the THE czarina opened a great charita- last loan, or at least only slightly less favorable to the United States govern-

Capt. Carten and his crew have comconversation with Mrs. Breckinridge, menced the work of fitting out, on the wife of the United States ambassador. Clyde, the prince of Wales' yacht Britannia for the Mediterranean regatta. Gov. LEVI P. MORTON of New York, having received satisfactory assurances of the united support of his state, has authorized the announcement of his candidacy for the presidential nomination before the Re- \$26,200. notification from the heads of the Morin St. Louis in June next.

Sr. Louis was visited, shortly before one o'clock, on the 2d, with one of the most violent and destructive explosions ever experienced there. Several buildings were wholly or partially wrecked; window glass for several squares around was shattered, and several lives were lost, while at least fifty persons were more or less injured by flying glass and wreckage. Opinions differed as to whether the acciclared to be prosecuting, with her hus- dent was caused by the explosion of a manding that vessel.

curred. SENOR NAVARRO REVETER, Spanish minister of finance, denies the truth of ing of the National Association of Wool the statement that the Spanish government intends to raise a new loan for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the campaign in Cuba or for any

other purpose. A DISPATCH from Havana, on the 2d, said the insurgents had chosen Guian- New York city held \$19,779,675 in exajay, 45 miles from Havana, as the cen- cess of the requirements of the 25-perter of operations.

DAVID CROCKETT BOGGS, who was tax ollector of Wyandotte county, Kas., in 1859, and who suddenly disappeared in that year with a shortage of about \$5,000, returned to Kansas City, Mo., on the 31st. He had made a fortune in his absence of 35 years, and voluntarily returned to make good his shortage. THE Pall Mall Gazette says that Dr. Jamieson, upon receiving a summons to proceed to Johannesburg to assist

the Uitlanders, resigned his position as administrator of the British South Africa Co., and that his followers also severed their connection with the com-THE sixth session of the seventh parliament of the Dominion of Canada was

opened by Lord Aberdeen, the governor-general, on the 2d, with the usual speech from the throne.

ANOTHER strike of motormen and conductors was inaugurated in Philadelphia on the 3d. Many of the union men who opposed the strike refused to go out, and cars were run on the main lines with noticeable regularity. In the afternoon large numbers of the strikers returned to work, and it was thought the strike would be shortlived.

Eight loaded freight cars broke away from an engine in the Pennsylvania railroad yards at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the night of the 2d, and, dashing down the grade at Thirteenth street, collided with the north wall of the roundhouse, causing damage estimated at \$10,000.

THE Anchor line steamer Italia, from Mediterranean ports, which was due at New York December 31, had not been sighted up to the 3d. carries 267 immigrants.

Ir was rumored, on the 3d, that united action of France and Germany in the Transvaal is projected. THE treasury records show that the

entire issue of United Stated notes,

throwing about 600 men out of employ-

\$340,681,616, has been redeemed since 1870 and reissued PRATT & LETCHWORTH'S malleable iron foundry and hame works at Buffalo, N. Y., shut down, on the 3d,

An unconfirmed report was current in London, on the evening of the 3d, that Dr. Jamieson, leader of the filibustering expedition into the Transvaal, who was defeated by the Boers and captured, had been tried by drum-head court-martial, condemned and shot. THE number of victims of the St. Louis explosion and fire, of the 2d, known to be dead had been increased, up to the night of the 3d, to six, and there were at least three more missing.

It is about settled that the explosions were caused by fire igniting a last store of cannon fire-crackers. GEN. DUFFIELD, chief of the coast and geodetic survey, on the 3d presented to the secretary of state the joint report on the Alaskan boundary, which was agreed upon by him and the Canadian representative, Mr. King, at their re-

cent meeting at Albany, N. Y. GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS, the n THE Atlanta exposition was closed gro convicted at Lincoln, Neb., of wrecking a Rock Island passenger train near that city, August 9, 1894, by jured by a collision on the Baltimore & which 11 lives were lost, was, on the FIRE was discovered, on the night of

within an hour had completely destroyed the colossal structure. There of the 1st, announced the appointment | were absolutely no facilities available to fight the fire.

REV. NATHANIEL G. CLARK, D. D. LL. D., for nearly thirty years prominently identified with the management of the American board of commissioners of foreign missions, died at his home in Boston, on the 3d, from heart disease, aggravated by his advanced

THERE was a rumor current at Nor folk, Va., on the 3d, that the yacht Talisman, having on board a party of wealthy gentlemen from New York, had been wrecked off Cape Hatteras and the entire party drowned. Subscriptions are being raised in Germany in behalf of the Boers who

were wounded at Kruegersdorf, and 180,000 marks had been subscribed up to the night of the 3d.

## ATE NEWS ITEMS.

SECRETARY CARLISLE issued, on the 5th, a notice that sealed proposals for the purchase of \$100,000,000 coupon or registered 30-year coin bonds, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent., will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, 1896. The new bonds will be in denominations of \$50 and multiples of that sum, at the choice of the bidders. UTAH was added to the sisterhood of states, on the 4th, at 10:03 a. m., when President Cleveland signed a proclamation to that effect. The officers of the new state entered upon the discharge of their duties on the 6th, the legislature also meeting in special session on that day, which the governor by proclamation declared a general

THE London Yachtsman says that Lord Dunraven has signally failed to substantiate his charges against the New York Yacht club, and that it becomes more and more apparent that an egregious blunder was committed in making them. The paper adds that the committee of inquiry was actuated

throughout by an impartial spirit. THE weekly statement of the New York city associated banks for the week ended on the 4th showed the following changes: Reserve, increase, \$3,840,000; loans, decrease, \$12,885,800; specie, increase, \$1,840,500; legal tenders, decrease, \$369,100; deposits, deerease, \$9,474,400; circulation, increase,

THE Bar association of Pittsburgh, Pa., has decided to permit women to practice law in that city. A resolution to exclude women from practicing law was overwhelmingly defeated, on the 4th, after a spirited discussion of nearly two hours, at one of the largest

meetings ever held by the association. News was received in Norfolk, Va., on the 5th. of the sudden death on board the United States trainingship tendance has fallen off. Essex, lying at Yorktown, of Commander Lewis Kingsley, U. S. N., com-

to meet in Chicago, on the 14th, until the 21st, the date set for the annual meet-Manufacturers.

A DEFALCATION of \$600,000 in the customhouse receipts at Cartagena, U. S. C., in which several prominent officials are implicated, is reported. On the 4th the associated banks of

cent. rule.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The annual meeting of the state board of health was held in Jefferson City. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. F. J. Lutz, St. Louis; vice-president, Dr. T. H. Hudson, Kansas City; secretary, Dr. Willis P. King, Kansas City. All cases against St. Louis midwives for advertising as physicians were disposed of with the exception of two, all others having complied with the law by removing the signs as directed by the board.

HEALTH IN THE STATE. The report of the secretary, which will shortly be made to the governor, will show the general condition of health in the state to be excellent. During the first part of 1895 the board quarantined about a dozen places in the state on account of smallpox, but at the time of making the report there was only one point in the state where the disease existed and that was Charles-

Secretary King complains of the ignorance of local authorities all over reporting epidemics.

A Disastrous Tour. Poor in pocket, but rich in experience and by no means crushed in spirits, the Missouri University glee club returned to Columbia from their holiday tour through Missouri and Kansas. Two of the members of the club came in on foot, but the rest of the club had sufficient wealth left to secure seats in a wagon, and rode in, cheering lustily and waving their musical instruments in the air. In Kansas the club were greeted with almost empty houses at every point, and left a trail of debt behind them. At Atchison they were stranded, and were obliged to borrow money from Columbia in order to continue their tour. They had better luck in some of the Missouri towns, however, and in Kansas City performed to a crowded house. But they still owe several hundred dollars, and are resolved to give Kansas a wide berth in future. The object of the tour was to pay off the debts of the foot-ball team.

St. Louis' Great Business Year. Says the Globe-Democrat: The clearances of the St. Louis banks were \$1,118,573,210 in 1890, \$1,139,599,575 in 1891, \$1,231,571,963 in 1892, \$1,139,014,291 323,653 in 1895. There was a gain in the "good old times" of the recent past States, 1892 is always in mind. That year represented the high-water mark in the rest of the country. The coun-Louis in 1895 beat its record in 1892.

State Penitentlary Population. When the books of the Missouri state penitentiary were closed for the year 1895 Warden James L. Pace found ulation for the year. During the year females, making a total of 926, while there were discharged 856 males and 31 females, and 21 males died, making a total of 908. On December 31, 1894, there were 2,178 convicts in the prison. and on December 31, 1895, 1,196.

Secretary Lesueur's Statement. Secretary of State Lesueur gives out the following statement, showing fees, corporation tax, etc., collected by his department and turned over to the state treasurer for the year 1895: From notaries public ..... 3 7,085 00

Miscellaneous fees 4,082 (
Land department fees 253 (
Corporation tax, domestic 54,085 ( Filing and recording contracts..... Bank and bankers's fees ...... 3,610 01 79,827 05

His Father Was a Supreme Judge. Lawrence MacFarland, the 16-yearold son of Judge B. MacFarland, of the supreme court, died in Jefferson City of appendicitis. He was taken sick on Christmas eve, and grew steadily worse. Well-known physicians performed an operation, in the hope that his life might be saved, but it proved unavailing. The remains were taken to Mexico for burial.

No Destitution in Camden County. Mayor Hastain of Sedalia has received etters from County Treasurer Foster and County Clerk Nelson of Camben county, denying that the people of Linn Creek and vicinity have been rendered destitute by the recent floods from the Osage river.

College President's Change.

Dr. S. F. Cooke, LL.D., has resigned the presidency of the Baptist college at La Grange, after completing the thirtieth year in the office. He will accept the presidency of the Webb City col-

Drowned in a Well.

Mrs. Mary Breder, aged 51, whose nome was at 1321 Blair avenue, St. Louis, fell head foremost into a well while attempting to draw water, and was drowned. Her feet slipped.

Will Bulld a New Church. The congregation of the German Evangelical church, Sedalia, has decided to erect a building, to cost \$15 .- | 000. Ladies of the church subscribed

Family of Five Drowned. The home of William Jones, on Sac river, in Cedar county, was washed away by high water. Mr. Jones, his wife and three children were drowned.

Alleges "Indignities." Watson J. Terry, a well-known lawyer of Kansas City, has been sued for divorce. His wife alleges "Indignities," but does not state their nature.

The School of Mines. Prof. W. B. Richards, director of the school of mines at Rolla, reports the school in good condition, although at-

Their Collections Were Slow. H. T. Duning & Co., dry goods, Carthage, have suspended. They have a the building where the calamity oc- tion has postponed its conference, called branch house in Pierce City. Slow collections the cause. Judge C. A. Perrin.

> Missouri in 1849. & Legislator Married. Hon. Harry H. Hinde, member of the general assembly from Kansas City, and Miss Lelia Craven were married Jefferson City.

A STRONG CIRCULAR

By the Supreme President of the American Protective Association—Congressmen Piedged to Reform—Bills to be introduced at the Present Session—Cleve-J ad Denounced—Allison and Reed Criticised-Other Republicans Comme DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 4.-W. J. H.

Traynor, supreme president of the American Protective association, is about to issue an official circular reviewing the progress of the organization and the political situation. He states that a large number of the members of congress are also members of measures, most of which will be introduced into the house during the present session:

To secure a just distribution of fed-

eral offices; to establish a national

and regulate naturalization; Linton's

joint resolution amending the constitution prohibiting for all time, sectarian appropriations; to open to public inspection all monastic and private or similar public institutions that are not under state control; prohibiting the official recognition by the United States the state as to the law governing the or any officer thereof of any dignitary board, and of the lack of promptness in of any ecclesiastical body or church, or the official recognition of such as the delegate or representative of any church or ecclesiastical power; prohibiting any body of men other than members of the United States army and navy and of the militia of the various states from drilling or parading with, or keeping in any armory, or using, firearms or deadly weapons of any kind, such act not to extend to the uniform ranks of benefit

> drilling with, or keeping firearms. Mr. Traynor also reviews presi dential possibilities and attacks Presi-

> societies except to debar them from

dent Cleveland in these words: "It is doing no injustice to Mr Cleveland to assert that if the United States had been a papal country and president could not have given more recognition to the papacy as a temporal power than he has during his present term of office."

Allison and Reed come in for a fair share of condemation for what Mr. Traynor alleges as their pro-papal attitude and their antagonism to the pa triotic orders. He presents the names of Hon. W. S. Linton, of Michigan; Senator John H. Gear, of Iowa; Gov. W. O. Bradley, of Kentucky, and exin 1893, \$1,127,702,906 in 1894, and \$1,244,- President Harrison, as worthy the support of the A. P. A. He affirms that 1895 of 10.34 per cent. over 1894. When in the event of any indication of the republican party "truckling to Rome." are spoken of anywhere in the United that "a new party should and must result.

Mr. Traynor does not believe in conpriesthood of the Roman church, but try at that time, as gauged by the bus- denounces plutocracy and monopness barometer, was at the topmost oly in strong terms. He declares the wave of prosperity. Yet in extent of movement for the arming and drilling bank clearings, which are a fairly trust- of Irishmen in this country a sinister force of the church to secure ascendancy when the nation shall be involved in a crisis, such as a war Washington and upholds the Monroe doctrine, but denounces the war scare as the result of a conspiracy between the president, priests and plutocrats the first to secure re-election: the second to gain ascendancy while the nation is involved with a foreign country, and the last to profit by bond issues at "war rates of interest" upon a gold, interest-bearing basis. He opposes a bond issue as infamous and declaves that a war between the United States and England would be a "mutual calamity and international sin."

JOHN B. BLAIR,

A Famons Painter and Inventor, Died i

a Home for Incurables. CHICAGO, Jan. 4.-John B. Blair born in 1800, and who was at one time famous and wealthy, died at the Home for Incurables. Blair was a famous painter a half century ago. His skill is attested by the fact that his portrait of President Taylor is hung in the White House gallery. He was the first painter of war panoramas, and was eminently successful in this branch of art. He was the first to paint any great panorama in this country. It was pictures of birds of all the world, and to accomplish this work he encircled the globe twice. He was the inventor of the silk-bag gas balloon. Fifty years ago he invented a bicycle made on the same lines as the safety bicycle of to-day. He added \$500,000 to the wealth of a well-known pencil manufacturer by inventing the rubber tip for pencils. He painted landscapes of foreign countries and pictures of sheep in almost endless numbers, and his auction sales of these were annual events in art circles for a quarter of a century. Five years ago he was stricken with paralysis, and three years later became blind and also lost the strength of his mind. He was then placed in the Rome for Incur ables.

The Water Tank Burst. St. Louis, Jan. 4.-A large water tank on top of the Beck & Corbitt Iron Co.'s building, 1210 North Main street. burst Thursday afternoon and flooded the entire structure. One of the walls of the building fell, and added to the damage done by the water. The com pany's loss is estimated at \$6,000.

TREASURY NOTES.

The Entire Issue Redeemed and Relss in Seventeen Years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.- The treasury records show that the amount of United States notes redeemed since 1879 is \$345,968,353, with several daily reports still wanting. As the total amount of United States notes or greenbacks issued was \$346,681,016, it follows that the entire issue, less about \$100,000, has been redeemed, and a very large proportion of it again paid out by the treasury during the last 1'

THE CANADIANS

Taking Action Looking to the Strength-OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 4.-The government has already decided upon a line of action regarding the strengthening Ex-Probate Judge C. A. Perrin died at his home in Chillicothe, aged 67. He of Canadian defenses and the better was born in Kentucky, and came to arming of the militia force. Col Lake, quartermaster-general, leaves for England to confer with the imperial authorities on the subject, and to purchase a number of guns, it Brothers for the Maryland district. guns each.

DUN'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Number and Extent of Failures for the Year Just Closed, as Compared with Those of 1894—Frantic Speculation in the Produce Markets, Which Checked Exports, Resulted in a Low Range of Prices—More Favorable Outlook.

New York, Jan. 4.-R. G. Dun & Co. say in their weekly review of trade, is sued to-day:

The commercial failures during the complete year 1895 number 13,197, against 13,885 in 1894; but the aggre gate of liabilities is slightly greater, \$173,196,000, against \$172,992,000. The the A. P. A., pledged to the following bright promise offered by a large dacrease in the first quarter was foilowed by a small increase in the secoud and third quarters and a large inrease in the last quarter of the year. In that quarter, also, the deferred liauniversity; to restrict immigration bilities of each firm in business increased, and also the propor tion of deferred liabilities to payments through the clearinghouses The effects of unreasonable speculation in materials creating an advance in prices of goods, heavy purchases ahead of distribution and enormous increase in production clearly appear in the returns.

Produce markets have been the thea er of surprising changes which have influenced all business. The acreage in cotton was wisely restricted in order to give producers a better chance for fair returns, and the crop was fu. ther reduced to some extent by injury, but growers were injured still mosby frantic speculation, which checked exports, and by false information and advice.

Wheat producers suffered in like manner from wild speculation which prevented the exporting of many million bushels and false reports which encouraged farmers to keep back their grain until the cereal had been taken off the market by speculators. The inevitable consequence has been a very the pope a temporal sovereign, our low range of prices, the field being clearly in excess of all demands. The great crop of corn has materially

affected the price of meats. The course of industries during 1893 has been materially affected by speculation in materials. Midsummer witnessed a tremendous advance with a rush to buy far exceeding the ordinary demand for consumption. Prices rose beyond all reason, exciting still more the anxiety to buy beyond actual needs. Thousands of producers strangely mistook the extraordinary buying for a vast increase in consuming ability and extended plants, opened mills, increased forces, and rushed production in many lines far beyond actual consumption. Inevitably both traders and manufacin general trade in St. Louis as well as fining the attacks of the order to the turers were left, toward the close, with considerable stocks unsold and claims against customers who were themselves tied up by purchases beyond their distributing power. Hence the general shrinkage in prices for the past three | be received at the same time and place, worthy index of trade in general, St. movement of the Roman Catholic months, and though in scarcely any and up to the same date, and upon the church to mobilize a Catholic army in department did prices rise higher than same terms and conditions herein set the republic to supplement the moral in former years, they were found out

of relation to existing demand. Railroad earnings show a decided improvement over last year, 5.6 per a gain of 18 convicts in the prison pop- or rebellion. He urges the im- cent. for the year and 6.9 per cent. for mediate establishment of a patriotic December, though 4.6 per cent. smaller

The rapid outflow of gold with high rates of interest, caused anxiety, which was checked by the decision to issue clearinghouse certificates at New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and by prompt attention to financial questions in congress; but at the close another issue of bonds is expected. Offers already exceed the amount of the issue proposed.

The recent decrease in imports of merchandise and some increase in exports warrant hope that trade balances may be more favorable heresfter, but much depends upon the course of securities which foreign holders are selling to some extent in order to share in the expected profits on bonds. Rarely has there been a situation sc complicated, and the near future is difficult to forecast, but it is the widelyprevalent impression that a large sale of bonds will speedily revive confidence and activity.

THE PORTE WILL PERMIT

The Distribution of American Relief at Harpoot-Armenian Converts to Islam-

London, Jan. 4. - The correspondent of the United Press at Constantinople telegraphs under date of January 2. saying: "The porte has informed United States Minister Terrell that Americans shall be permitted to distribute relief to the Armenian sufferers at Harpoot without hindrance. In accordance with the orders of Minister Terrell, M. A. Jewett, United States consul at Sivas, started from that place from Marsovan on Januuary 1.

The porte explains its action in suspending the distribution of relief at Harpoot upon the ground that the government desired to have the relief furnished through a commission of three, composed of one American. one Turk and one Armenian. Subsequently, however, the porte informed Mr. Terrell that the Americans might afford relief to the Harpoot sufferers.

The male department of the American college at Harpoot has resumed

A letter received in Constantinople from Marash says that the Armenian Protestants at Abbasstan have accepted Islamism en masse as a means of selfpreservation.

A Mysterious Murder.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 4 .- A special to the Press from Lectonia, O., says: A mysterious murder was committed at Grafton, near this town Thursday night. Two Italian brothers, who lived and slept together in the same bed, were awakened during the night by three masked men, two of whom held one brother, while the third fellow stabbed the other to death. Robbery does not appear to have been the motive of the crime, as there were several hundred dollars in the possession of the brothers, which was left untouched. The crime is laid to the mafia.

Coinage to December.

statement of the director of the mint spite 20 years of married life, incom shows coinage executed at the mints of the United States during December. 1895, to have been as follows: Gold, \$8,097,145; silver, \$75,592; minor coins \$107,386. Total, \$8,280,573.

Death of a Christian Brother BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 4 .- Rev. Brother Romuald, visitor of the Christian being the intention of the government died in Prince George's county, Md., to increase all the field batteries by two Thursday, of acute bronchitis. He was born in Belgium 66 years ago.

THE BOND ISSUE.

pective Subscribers for One Hundred Ell-lion Coin Bonds, Coupen or Registered, to Bear Interest at the Rate of Four Per-Cent.—The Notice also Made to Cover-Prospective Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 .- At midnight Sunday Secretary Carlisle prepared the following notice, which will be issued to-day:

"TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6, 1896. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the secretary of the treasury at. Washington, D. C., until 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the fifth day of February, 1896, for the purchase of one. hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) of United States four per cent. coupon or registered bonds in denominations. of fifty dollars (\$50) and multiples of that sam as may be desired by bidders.

"The right to reject any or all bids.

is reserved. "The bonds will be dated on the first day of February, 1895, and be payable. in coin thirty years after that date, and will bear interest at four per cent. perannum, payable quarterly in coin, but . all coupons maturing on and before the first day of February, 1896, will be detached, and purchasers will be required to pay in United States gold coin or gold certificates for the bonds awarded to them, and all interest accrued thereon after the first day of February, 1896, up to the time of application for delivery.

"Payments for the bonds must bemade at the treasury of the United. States, at Washington, D. C., or at the United States subtreasuries at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis or New-Orleans, or they may be made at San Francisco with exchange on New York, and all bids must state what denominations of bonds are desired, and whether coupon or registered, and at what place they will be paid for. "Payments may be made by install-

ments, as follows: "Twenty per cent. (20 per cent.) upon receipt of notice of acceptance of bids, and 20 per cent, (20 per cent.) at the end of each ten days thereafter; butall accepted bidders may pay the whole amount at the date of the first installment, and those who have paid all installments previously maturing may pay the whole amount of their bids at. any time, not later than the maturity of the last installment.

"The bonds will be ready for delivery on or before the 15th day of February, 1896.

"Notice is further hereby given that, if the issue and sale of additional ordifferent form of bond for the maintenance of the gold reserve shall beauthorized by law after the 5th day of February, 1896, sealed proposals for the purchase of such bonds will also forth, and such bids will be considered as well as the bids for the four-percent. bonds herein mentioned.

"J. G. CARLISLE, "Secretary of the treasury."

CAUGHT IN A CAVE-IN.

Ten Men Entrapped in a Colorado Gold. Mine with no Hope of Escape. COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Jan. 6 .- The Cripple Creek district has heen exceptionally free from serious mine accidents, but its reputation in this respect received a serious setback yesterday by a cave-in in the Anna Lee mine at Victor, belonging to the great Vormand company. The last reports place

the number of men who are buried under thousands of tons of rock at ten. The Anna Lee mine is located near the summit of Battle mountain and is .. one of the finest equipped mines in the state. Its working shaft, which is. down 900 feet, is the deepest in the camp. The shaft is a double compartment one and vertical, from which levels are driven every 50 feet to cut. the immense ore chimney which lies

some distance from the shaft and hasan incline of about seven degrees. Ten men, including General Manager John Harnan and Assistant Supt. Sheldon, were caught in the cave-in. and at this writing there does not seem to be the remotest possibility that any have escaped. Well posted miners say it will be a miracle if any are taken.

The Work of Rescue Being Pushed Forward-General Manage Harnan Safe.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Jan. 6 .- The work of rescuing the eight imprisoned miners who were caught in the cavein at the Anna Lee mine at Victor yesterday morning continues. Victorwas crowed all day with people and the Anna Lee mine was surrounded by hundreds of anxious friends and relatives who were eager to learn thelatest developments, which as the hours slowly rolled by, became more and more discouraging. The drift from the seventh level of the Scranton mine, which was started soon after the cave-iu occurred and which was cut through 35 feet of solid granite, reached the Anna Lee: shaft at 11:30 last night. From this. point down a distance of 200 feet, the Anna shaft is open and work of removing the great masses of rock and broken

timbers was begun. General Manager John Harnan, who was reported as lost, is alive, he having come up on the last trip before the ac-

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

Sir Arthur Sullivan has selected Lord! Cyron's tragedy, "Sardanapalus," as: the subject for the ballet he is to writethe music for and which is to be produced at the Alhambra music hall in

Boston is a great musical as well as: intellectual center. One of its papers: says of a sermon last Sunday: "The spiritual lesson it bore was pointed and enforced by an eloquently rendered so-

prano solo just at its close." M. Charles Lecocq, the well-known composer of "La Fille de Madame Angot" and several other light operas, is: WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The monthly seeking a divorce from his wife. Depatability of temper is, it is said, the plea put forward.

> A manuscript of the original libretto of "Lohengrin" is for sale in Berlin. It. is written by a secretary, but there are many alterations and notes in Wagner's own hand. Among the lines he struck out are a solo by Ortrud describing the manner in which she turned the young prince into a swan, and a short solo for the swan when it resumes its original